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Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 241 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 15, 2023, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 34.7 million eggs during the week ending April 15, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 36.4 million eggs during the same week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 15, 2023, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through April 15, 2023 for the United States were 2.80 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.6 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 15, 2023, down 4 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 28.0 million chicks, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	March 11, 2023	March 18, 2023	March 25, 2023	April 1, 2023	April 8, 2023	April 15, 2023	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	34,884	34,326	34,855	34,794	34,697	34,669	100
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	103
Georgia	35,240	35,319	35,789	35,050	35,719	36,424	103
South Carolina....	6,040	6,101	6,061	5,764	5,612	5,606	101
United States	241,150	240,070	242,383	240,692	240,298	240,669	100

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Alabama	24,699	24,647	24,350	24,415	23,721	23,612	96
Florida	1,287	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,295	1,289	98
Georgia	27,551	27,479	26,977	27,771	27,839	28,021	105
South Carolina....	4,743	4,730	4,383	4,314	5,419	5,322	111
United States	186,403	186,526	187,334	186,512	186,321	186,681	100

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Alabama	34,884	34,326	34,855	34,794	34,697	34,669
Arkansas.....	24,268	24,650	24,885	25,176	25,137	24,681
Delaware	5,491	5,369	5,487	5,417	5,428	5,438
Florida.....	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia.....	35,240	35,319	35,789	35,050	35,719	36,424
Kentucky.....	6,052	6,491	6,618	6,072	6,159	5,748
Louisiana	3,290	3,290	3,305	3,420	3,632	3,632
Maryland.....	8,095	8,091	8,013	8,094	8,092	8,091
Mississippi	16,680	17,108	16,869	16,760	16,509	16,373
Missouri	9,660	9,489	9,998	10,038	10,067	10,128
North Carolina.....	24,834	24,988	24,556	25,144	23,777	24,666
Oklahoma	7,401	7,213	7,723	6,595	7,259	7,519
Pennsylvania	6,760	6,978	6,831	6,784	6,857	6,683
South Carolina	6,040	6,101	6,061	5,764	5,612	5,606
Texas.....	18,127	18,416	18,332	18,378	18,530	18,236
Virginia.....	6,724	5,877	5,907	5,907	5,877	5,866
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	13,450	12,845	13,470	13,213	13,310	13,205
Other States.....	12,929	12,294	12,459	12,861	12,411	12,479
United States	241,150	240,070	242,383	240,692	240,298	240,669

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Arkansas.....	20,279	20,994	21,047	20,184	20,480	21,194
Delaware	5,030	4,437	4,823	5,007	5,648	4,112
Florida.....	1,287	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,295	1,289
Georgia.....	27,551	27,479	26,977	27,771	27,839	28,021
Kentucky.....	5,008	5,220	5,383	4,656	4,934	5,545
Louisiana	2,898	2,892	2,862	2,816	2,664	2,888
Maryland.....	5,641	5,319	5,718	5,350	4,063	6,333
Mississippi	13,686	13,518	13,580	13,200	13,565	13,355
Missouri	6,634	6,452	6,258	6,020	5,997	6,703
North Carolina.....	19,006	18,658	19,879	19,327	18,786	18,991
Oklahoma	4,700	4,381	4,274	5,074	4,892	4,465
Pennsylvania	4,444	4,558	4,541	4,568	4,633	4,485
South Carolina	4,743	4,730	4,383	4,314	5,419	5,322
Texas.....	14,265	14,364	14,507	14,447	14,955	14,588
Virginia.....	5,902	6,617	5,889	5,562	6,264	5,103
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia.....	11,569	11,562	12,063	12,821	11,796	11,603
Other States.....	9,061	9,491	9,510	9,689	9,370	9,072
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